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SUBJECT: MARSHAL THANOM

1. TODAY'S STAIT'S TIMES SPECULATES PARTY WILL STAY IN SINGAPORE ABOUT ONE WEEK. QUOTING INFORMED SOURCES, PAPER SAYS THANOM'S FATHER TOO ILL TO RISK LONG FLIGHT BACK TO BOSTON. SECOND SON YUTTAPONG IS QUOTED AS HAVING TOLD FRIEND THAT "WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE IS DECISION OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT; WHERE WE WILL GO FROM HERE DEPENDS ON STATE OF HEALTH OF MY GRANDFATHER; BUT WE WILL NOT MAKE LONG FLIGHT TO BOSTON IF HIS ILL HEALTH CONTINUES."

2. STRAITS TIMES ARTICLE IDENTIFIES ONE MEMBER OF PARTY AS MR. PAEN WANAMETEE, UNDER SECRETARY IN THAI FOREIGN OFFICE.

3. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS FIVE SINGAPORE OPPOSITION PARTIES (UNITED NATIONAL FRONT, PERSATUAN MELAYU SINGAPURA, SINGAPORE CHINESE PARTY, PERTUBOHAN KEBANGSAAN MELAYU SINGAPURA, AND SINGAPORE JUSTICE PARTY) SENT JOINT LETTER TO LEE KUAN YEW YESTERDAY WITH COPY TO THAI PM SANYA DEMANDING THAT THANOM "BE EXPELLED FROM SINGAPORE IMMEDIATELY" AND PROMISING THEY WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS "FURTHER ACTION" IF DEMAND NOT MET WITHIN 24 HOURS.

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